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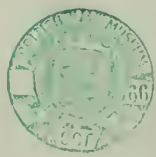
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ALSAGER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND THE
SANITARY INSPECTOR.

FOR THE YEAR 1954.

Council Offices,
Lawton Road,
ALSAGER.



ALSAGER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1954.

To the Chairman and Members of the Alsager Urban District Council.

I beg to present my Annual Report for 1954:

Statistics of the Area: Area 2,241 acres.

- Registrar General's estimate of the population in 1954- 5,660.
 Number of inhabited houses and premises (end of 1954),
 according to the Rate Books. 1,970.
 Rateable Value. £36,097.
 Sum represented by a penny rate. £ - 135.

<u>Vital Statistics:</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Live Births.	90	43	47
Legitimate.	84	37	47

<u>Still Births:</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	4	2	2
Illegitimate.	1	1	

Birth rate for 1,000 inhabitants. 15.90.

Deaths of infants under one year of age:

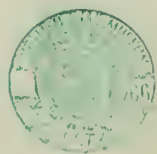
	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	-	1
Illegitimate.	-	-
Total.	-	1

Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age:

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	-	1
Illegitimate.	-	-
Total.	-	1

Comparability Factor:

Births.	0.91
Deaths.	1.13



Live Births Registered in the District:

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	33	22	11

Birth rate per 1,000 inhabitants: 5.83.

Still Births: 0.

Deaths within the Area:

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	37	28	9

Transferrable from area outside:

12	5	7
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Total Deaths: 49

Age at Death:

Under 1 year.	1
1 - 10	0
10 - 20	0
20 - 30	0
30 - 40	0
40 - 50	0
50 - 60	9
60 - 70	14
70 - 80	16
Over 80	8
Over 90	1
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Causes of Death:

Carcinoma.	9
Cerebral Haemorrhage.	3
Cerebral Thrombosis.	4
Disease of the heart.	9
Coronary Thrombosis.	10
Congenital Deformity.	1
Arterio Sclerosis.	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	1
Senility.	6
Accidental Injuries.	1
Suicide.	1
Strangulated Hernia.	1
Gastric Ulcer.	1
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There was only one case of the death of an infant under four weeks of age (Female).

Cause of Death: Congenital abnormality.

Public Health Officers of the Authority:

1. Medical Officer of Health (A part-time official).
2. Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector (a whole-time official).

Mr. Haigh, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., has held this post since October 1st 1953.



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Laboratory facilities:

The Pathological Department of the Royal Infirmary, Chester is available for all forms of chemical and bacteriological examination.

The County Analyst, Dr. Melling for the examination of water, also the Public Health Service Laboratory at Monsal Hospital, Manchester.

Ambulance facilities:

The Council administers the service for the County under the direction of the Divisional Medical Officer. A full time Driver and a part-time attendant are stationed with the Ambulance at Alsager.

During the year 1954, the Ambulance has been out on 848 occasions covering a distance of 22,536 miles, and 209 emergencies.

Health Visitor:

The Health Visitor for the area is Nurse E.G. Smith S.R.N. S.C.M. A.V. She attends the school clinic three times daily also the Infant Welfare Clinic on Tuesday at fortnightly intervals. She is also responsible for visiting certain old people, Tuberculosis cases and mental defectives. She can be contacted at the School Clinic any morning between 9.2.a.m. to 10.a.m. (Telephone No. Alsager 628).

Nursing in the home:

Nurse Weatherall S.R.N. (Telephone No. Alsager 67) is employed full time in the Alsager Urban District and in Radway Green and Earthomley. In certain cases on the recommendations of the Local Health Visitor, Home Helps can be obtained from the Divisional Officer at Conglton.

For the nursing of certain infectious diseased patients are at once removed to an Isolation Hospital unless private Isolation can be provided.

Crewe Isolation Hospital, Macclesfield Isolation are available for this area.

General cases can obtain treatment from their Local Medical Practitioners by arrangement with the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, City General Hospital or the Crewe Memorial Hospital.

Tuberculosis:

There was one death from Tuberculosis during the year in this District. Immunisation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough.

Record cards of immunisation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough are supplied by the County Council and are kept in all cases.

They are filled up by the Doctor completing the process and forwarded to the Divisional Medical Officer, 11, West Street, Conglton.

An example of the value of immunisation against Diphtheria is shown in this district by the fact that there has been no notification of Diphtheria for five years and even then when there was a notification the case was proved to be Glandular Fever when it went into Crowe Isolation Hospital.

Infant Welfare:

An Infant Welfare Clinic is held on alternate Tuesday afternoons at St. Mary's Hall.

Orthopaedic Clinic:

An Orthopaedic Clinic is held at the Railway Ambulance Rooms, Crowe at which an Orthopaedic Surgeon attends at monthly intervals.

Midwifery Service:

A maternity nurse, appointed by the County Council provided a domiciliary service in the district under the County Council Scheme.

The present Nurse is Nurse Pedley S.R.N. 6, Audley Road ('Phone Alsager 583).

Maternity:

Beds are available at the Maternity Hospital, The Cliffe, Wynbunbury which serves the needs of Alsager Urban District in addition to various maternity hospitals outside the district.

Mental Health Service:

Duties are carried out by the authorised officer of the Public Health Committee of the County Council. The Officer for the Alsager Area is Mr. R.E. Broach, 1, Gatefield Street, Crewe - Private address: 180, Crewe Road, Alsager.

Prevalence and Control over Infectious and other Diseases:

There were 24 cases of notifiable diseases under the Public Health Act during the year as follows:-

Measles.	7
Whooping Cough.	6
Acute Primary Pneumonia	6
Erysipelas.	2
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	2
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The prevalence of cancer is higher than normal. There were nine deaths from it in 1954.

Regarding Vaccination - it is now carried out by the Practitioner concerned and a Record Card is kept and sent to the Divisional Medical Officer, Conglorton.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

H.P. Harpur. M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health.

ALSAGER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Alsager Urban District Council.

I have to present my Annual Report for the Year 1954.

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Water Supply:

The Water is obtained from three Boreholes, No's. 1,2 & 3 situated at Audley Road.

The water is filtered,softened, and chorinated at the source.

Two Reservoirs for storage are situated at Mere Lake and Hill Top.

During the year the Council have given further consideration to a new source of supply and are proceeding with the preliminaries for an additional supply.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal:

The Council have two small disposal works at Day Green and Longview.

The works at Day Green are old and are now overloaded and consideration is being given to modernising and enlarging. Longview are in need of extra sludge drying lagoons otherwise, they are generally in good condition.

The sewage from the remainder of the district is treated at the Royal Ordnance Factory at Radway Green.

Refuse Collection and Disposal:

During the year the Council have maintained a refuse collection system with one vehicle and a team of four persons, One Driver-Loader and three Loaders who carry out a collection of just over seven days.

It is intended that this shall become a regular weekly collection.

A number of earth closets still remain to be collected.

Housing:

(a) During the year the following action has been taken under the Housing Act, 1936

Houses inspected	45.
Houses where informal notice has been given.	8.
Houses - where Statutory notice has been served.	1.
Number of defects remedied after.	
Informal Notice.	8.
Statutory Notice.	2.

Clean Food Campaign:

Number of types of shops:-

Butcher: 6Grocer: 9Fruit &
Vegetables: 4.Confectioner: 2Food Inspection:

Regular visits to the premises are carried out and small quantities of food are condemned chiefly due to damaged tins.

New Buildings:

During the year the Council have erected 76 Houses and there were 17 privately erected.

Rodent Control:

No serious infection exists in the area. Small numbers have been exterminated in accordance with the following table.

The necessary tests and treatment have been carried out on the Public Sewer.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS
ACTS, 1949.
REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st
DECEMBER, 1954.

Name of Local Authority:
County:

Alsager Urban District Council.
Chester.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses).	(3) All other (incl. Bus. Premises).	(4) Total of Cols. (1), (2) & (3).	Agricul- ture.
Number of properties in Local Authorities Dis. (Notes 1 & 2).	8	1950	60	2018	20
No. properties inspec- ted as a result of:					
(a) Notification.	1	20	-	21	-
(b) Survey under the Act.	7	6	10	77	10
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose).	8	50	60	118	5
Total inspections carr- ied out incl. re-inspect- ions. (To be comp. only if fig. are readily avail).	30	200	70	300	15

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	(1) Local Authority.	(2) Dwelling Houses. (inc. Council Houses).	(3) All other (inc. Bus. Premises).	(4) Total of Cols. (1), (2) & (3).	Agricul- ture.
No. of properties inspec- ted (in Sect 2) which were found to be infested by:					
(a) Rates. (Major	--	--	--	--	--
(a) Rates. (Minor	4	20	--	24	--
(b) Mice. (Major	--	--	--	--	--
(b) Mice. (Minor	--	9	--	9	--
No. of infested properties (in Sec. 4) treated by the L.A. (fig. should NOT exceed those given at Sect 4).	12	18	--	30	--
No of notices served under Sec 4:					
(1) Trearment	--	--	--	--	--
(2) Structural work. (i.e. Proof ing).	--	--	--	--	--

Record of Inspections, and follow up visits etc.

	Housing Inspections.	140
R	Re-visits.	125
	Refuse Collection.	30
	Sewerage and Drainage.	80
	Water supply.	50
	Shops Act.	6
	Factories and Workshops.	3
	Public Conveniences.	24
	Council Houses.	250
	Caravans,	1
	Meat and Food.	12
	Infectious Diseases.	12
	New Buildings (private).	80
	Public Houses.	-
	Nuisances.	10
	Rodent Control.	10
	Interviews (Public Health).	250
		<u>709</u>

Slaughter houses:

During the year two Slaughter houses were licenced for Slaughtering, one for Mr. J. Edwards, Crewe Road and one for Mr. B. Parks, Crewe Road and all cattle slaughtered here are inspected.

Council Offices,
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S. Haigh,
Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

28th July, 1955.

